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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Please enter the following amendments before taking action on the merits of the above-referenced continuation application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete the paragraph on page 1 lines 8-12 and replace with the following paragraph:

The present application is a continuation of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 09/665,187, filed September 16, 2000, which is a continuation-in part of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 09/580,005, filed May 26, 2000, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 09/371,614, filed August 10, 1999, which claims priority from provisional patent application Ser. No. 60/124,847, filed on March 17, 1999.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-3 and 7-10 without prejudice.

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Please add new claims 11-26 as shown in the following complete set of pending claims.

4.   A computer system for storing information about intellectual property assets, the computer system comprising:

at least one server computer connected to one or more client computers via a global-area network; and

a computer program executed by the server computer;

wherein the computer program further comprises computer instructions for:

translating quantitative information about attributes of a technology described by the intellectual property assets from user defined units to standard scientific units; and

storing user defined units and the quantitative information in standard scientific units.

5.   The computer system of claim 4 wherein the quantitative information for each attribute comprises a description of the attribute, a minimum value of the attribute achieved by the technology, and a maximum value of the attribute achieved by the technology.

6.   The computer system of claim 4 wherein the computer program further comprises instructions for translating quantitative information in standard scientific units to user defined units for display to the user.

11.   (New) A method for storing information about intellectual property assets using a computer system comprising at least one server computer and one or more client computers connected to the server computer via a network, the method comprising:

translating quantitative information about attributes of a technology described by the intellectual property assets from user defined units to standard scientific units; and

storing user defined units and the quantitative information in standard scientific units.

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12.   (New) The method of claim 11 wherein the quantitative information for each attribute comprises a description of the attribute, a minimum value of the attribute achieved by the technology, and a maximum value of the attribute achieved by the technology.

13.   (New) The method of claim 11 further comprising instructions for translating quantitative information in standard scientific units to user defined units for display to the user.

14.   (New) A computer-readable storage medium operatively coupled to a computer system for storing information about intellectual property assets, wherein the computer system comprises at least one server computer connected to one or more client computers via a network, the computer-readable storage medium comprising computer instructions for:

translating quantitative information about attributes of a technology described by the intellectual property assets from user defined units to standard scientific units; and

storing user defined units and the quantitative information in standard scientific units.

15.   (New) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 14 wherein the quantitative information for each attribute comprises a description of the attribute, a minimum value of the attribute achieved by the technology, and a maximum value of the attribute achieved by the technology.

16.   (New) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 11 further comprising computer instructions for translating quantitative information in standard scientific units to user defined units for display to the user.

17.   (New) A computer system for storing information about intellectual property assets, the computer system comprising:

at least one server computer connected to one or more client computers via a network; and

a computer program executed by the server computer;

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wherein the computer program further comprises computer instructions for:

translating quantitative information about attributes of a technology described by the intellectual property assets from user defined units to standard scientific units; and

storing user defined units and the quantitative information in standard scientific units.

18.   (New) A computer system for storing information about intellectual property assets, the computer system comprising:

at least one server computer connected to one or more client computers via a global-area network; and

a computer program executed by the server computer;

wherein the computer program further comprises computer instructions for:

storing quantitative information about attributes of a technology described by the intellectual property assets.

19.   (New) The computer system of claim 18 wherein the quantitative information for each attribute comprises a standard scientific unit, a description of the attribute, a minimum value of the attribute achieved by the technology, expressed in the unit, and a maximum value of the attribute achieved by the technology, expressed in the unit.

20.   (New) A method for storing information about intellectual property assets using a computer system comprising at least one server computer and one or more client computers connected to the server computer via a global-area network, the method comprising:

storing quantitative information about attributes of a technology described by the intellectual property assets.

21.   (New) The method of claim 20 wherein the quantitative information for each attribute comprises a standard scientific unit, a description of the attribute, a minimum value of the attribute achieved by the technology, expressed in the unit, and a maximum value of the attribute achieved by the technology, expressed in the unit.

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22.   (New) A computer-readable storage medium operatively coupled to a computer system for storing information about intellectual property assets, wherein the computer system comprises at least one server computer connected to one or more client computers via a global-area network, the computer-readable storage medium comprising computer instructions for:

storing quantitative information about attributes of a technology described by the intellectual property assets.

23.   (New) The storage medium of claim 22 wherein the quantitative information for each attribute comprises a standard scientific unit, a description of the attribute, a minimum value of the attribute achieved by the technology, expressed in the unit, and a maximum value of the attribute achieved by the technology, expressed in the unit.

24.   (New) A computer system for storing and retrieving information about intellectual property assets, the computer system comprising:

at least one server computer connected to one or more client computers via a network; and

a computer program executed by the server computer;

wherein the computer program further comprises computer instructions for:

receiving a description of an intellectual property asset including descriptive quantitative information in descriptive user defined units;

translating the descriptive quantitative information in the descriptive user defined units into standard scientific units;

storing the description including the descriptive quantitative information in standard scientific units;

receiving a query including query quantitative information in query user defined units;

translating the query quantitative information in the query user defined units into standard scientific units;

using the query quantitative information in standard scientific units to identify the stored description including the descriptive quantitative information in standard scientific units;

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translating the descriptive quantitative information in standard scientific units into the query user defined units; and

outputting the description including the descriptive quantitative information in the query user defined units.

25.   (New) A method for storing and retrieving information about intellectual property assets using a computer system comprising at least one server computer connected to one or more client computers via a network, the method comprising:

receiving a description of an intellectual property asset including descriptive quantitative information in descriptive user defined units;

translating the descriptive quantitative information in the descriptive user defined units into standard scientific units;

storing the description including the descriptive quantitative information in standard scientific units;

receiving a query including query quantitative information in query user defined units;

translating the query quantitative information in the query user defined units into standard scientific units;

using the query quantitative information in standard scientific units to identify the stored description including the descriptive quantitative information in standard scientific units;

translating the descriptive quantitative information in standard scientific units into the query user defined units; and

outputting the description including the descriptive quantitative information in the query user defined units.

26.   (New) A computer-readable storage system operatively coupled to a computer system for storing and retrieving information about intellectual property assets, wherein the computer system comprises at least one server computer connected to one or more client computers via a network, the computer-readable storage medium comprising computer instructions for:

receiving a description of an intellectual property asset including descriptive quantitative information in descriptive user defined units;

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translating the descriptive quantitative information in the descriptive user defined units into standard scientific units;

storing the description including the descriptive quantitative information in standard scientific units;

receiving a query including query quantitative information in query user defined units;

translating the query quantitative information in the query user defined units into standard scientific units;

using the query quantitative information in standard scientific units to identify the stored description including the descriptive quantitative information in standard scientific units;

translating the descriptive quantitative information in standard scientific units into the query user defined units; and

outputting the description including the descriptive quantitative information in the query user defined units.

REMARKS

This continuation application is filed to prosecute claims 4-6 of the parent application. New claims 11-26 have been added. New claims 18-23 were originally filed as claims 15, 16, 31, 32, 47, and 48 of U.S. application serial No. 09/580,005 to which the parent application claims priority.

Should the Examiner wish to discuss any aspect of the present application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned Agent for Applicants at 408 453 9200.

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AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION

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